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## **BARCIA LAUDS GRANTS FOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVMENTS IN KINGSTON AND BROWN CITY**

LANSING – State Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) applauded the Michigan Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) decision to extend \$428,385 in Federal Transportation Enhancement grants to the Village of Kingston (\$244,014) in Tuscola County and Brown City (\$184,371) in Sanilac County. Combined with additional state funding from both MDOT and the local communities, these grants will be used for streetscape projects along one tenth of a mile on Main Street (M-90) from St. Mary’s Street to James Street in Brown City and on M-46 from River Street to Pine Street in the Village of Kingston.

“Returning state and federal transportation dollars to the Thumb has been a priority of mine throughout my career in public service,” said Barcia, who sits on the Senate Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee. “These projects represent an important investment in our local economies.”

Streetscape improvements in Brown City will include stamped, colored concrete sidewalks, ornamental street lighting, street furniture and shade trees. In Kingston the streetscape improvements come in conjunction with a 2006 MDOT road project. The project includes removing high steps along the sidewalk on the north side of M-46 and replacing the sidewalk with wider, flatter sidewalk, including decorative sidewalk planters. Other amenities include decorative street lighting, trash receptacles and landscaping. The total cost for both projects (including federal, state and local funding) when completed will be \$307,285 in Brown City and \$406,690 in Kingston.

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